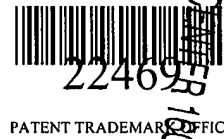




IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit : 1627
Examiner : T. Prasthofer
Serial No. : 09/586,131
Filed : June 2, 2000
Inventor : Marc Delcourt
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: VECTORS FOR
: IMPLEMENTING SAME
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CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim a two (2) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated April 23, 2001 from July 23, 2001 to September 23, 2001.

A check in the amount of \$390.00 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3405. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

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